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Clerk, U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Texas

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

TROY ANTHONY SMOCKS
Plaintiff

Vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendant

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Case No. 4:22-cv-01028-ALM

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TEMPORARILY
PROCEED AS A PRO SE LITIGANT IN LIEU OF DEATH OF ATTORNEY**

COME now, the Plaintiff in this case respectfully and for good cause moves this Court for an Order, allowing that the Troy Anthony Smocks be granted leave to litigate in the instant case as a pro se litigant until such a time that new counsel may be obtained. I support thereof Plaintiff informs the Court that Plaintiff's attorney of record in this case, Mark Joel Lieberman died on March 5, 2024. Mr. Lieberman was a sole practitioner and therefore Plaintiff is diligently seeking new counsel to carry on the prosecution of the instant case.

Plaintiff would further seek leave of the Court to access the Court's Electronic Filing System (PACER) until such a time where Plaintiff has acquired new counsel and counsel's formal Entry of Appearance has been made to the Court.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter its Order granting Plaintiff leave to proceed pro se, in addition to provisional access to the Court's Electronic Filing System (PACER).

Respectfully submitted,



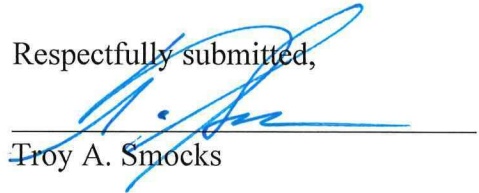
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have on April 22, 2024 that I mailed via First Class United States Mail, a true and complete copy of this pleading to:

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Respectfully submitted,



Troy A. Smocks